

COMMUNITY HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT

TOP HEALTH PRIORITIES

- 1 Access to mental health providers
- 2 Obesity
- 3 Providing dental services to Medicaid and uninsured patients

COLLABORATION EXAMPLE

"Since our Clinic opened in 2009 we have collaborated with the Atchison Hospital at their local health fair. We address a specific topic at each health fair, e.g. we have provided toothbrushes to participants at the health fair and stressed tobacco cessation, as well as provide information about our clinic and its services. Patient care for patients from the health department are addressed on an individual need."

CARE COORDINATION & PATIENT-CENTERED MEDICAL CARE

"ACHC sees primary care, dental and mental health patients at our site. Our primary care is organized to allow providers to refer to dental and mental health services at the clinic, and also to make referrals to other disciplines or specialties as needed. Off site referrals are made and follow up from those providers is requested if not received after the patient has visited the referral site. "

ADDRESSING COMMUNITY HEALTH PRIORITIES

"In August of 2015 our clinic was fortunate to receive a federal grant for a New Access Point and, as such, opened our doors full time as a Federal Qualified Health Center. We now offer 20 hours per week of mental health counseling provided by a contract with The Guidance Center, a local mental health facility. During those 20 hours we accept appointments as well as a "warm handoff" for any patient identified by the care providers as having a need for those services."

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

HOSPITAL "strong supporter of [the clinic] by subsidizing rent and building maintenance costs... provide consultative services in finance, purchasing, and administration... agreements to provide treatment for clinic patients"

HEALTH DEPARTMENT "positive relationship... refers patients to clinic without insurance or ability to pay"

MENTAL HEALTH CENTER "agreement to provide services at clinic"

PRIVATE PRACTICES "work jointly to provide care"

OTHER "churches, schools, businesses, and nonprofit organizations"

USING GRANT FUNDS TO IMPROVE PATIENT CARE

"The grant funds will allow us to continue to provide medications for our patients without resources. Despite use of the Kansas Drug Repository, we find that many antibiotics, antidepressants, and some antihypertensive medications are not available for our patients. The additional funding allows us to purchase these medications for the patients. Grant funds continue to provide money for supplies and staff salaries so that care for our patients can be continued and maintained in a quality manner."